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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN
ARCHAEOLOGY

To the Council of the Archaeological Institute of America:

GENTLEMEN, — The report of Dr. A. M. Tozzer upon his four years' work as Fellow in American Archaeology was referred to last year. The Council has authorized the publication of the first part, relating to the Archaeology and Ethnology of the Lacandone Indians, and it is now in the hands of the printer. The publication of the second part of this report, relating to the Linguistics of these Indians, will be deferred for the present.

The grant of \$500 made by the Committee to Professor F. W. Putnam to enable him to continue an exploration among the caves of northern California, which had been carried on by him and Professor Merriam of the University of California, was productive of interesting results. This exploration forms the subject of a joint paper by Professor Merriam and Professor Putnam, which was presented to the Fifteenth International Congress of Americanists in Quebec in September, 1906. But few objects of man's handiwork were found, but the little which was recovered is of importance in its suggestions as to the considerable antiquity of man on the Pacific coast. Many bones of extinct and living animals were found in the caves. All the specimens have been placed in the Anthropological Department of the University of California.

The work done by the Southwest Society has been, as heretofore, in exploration, and in the preservation, by means of phonographic records and transcriptions, of old Spanish and Indian songs. The work of exploration done during the previous year was the subject of an article by Dr. Palmer pub-

lished in the second number of the tenth volume of the *Journal of the Institute*, and the report of the work done by him during the present year in northeast Arizona will appear later in the *Journal*.

In January last Mr. Edgar L. Hewett was appointed Fellow in American Archaeology for the year 1906, permission being given him to assist in the work of increasing the membership of the Colorado Society.

Mr. Hewett spent the first five months in working in Washington for the preservation of the Mesa Verde ruins, in Colorado in making archaeological surveys of these ruins and of the drainage area of the Little Colorado River, in tracing the culture of the San Juan divide in Colorado and Utah, in lecturing in various places in Colorado, in Santa Fé, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles, in assisting Dr. Palmer of the Southwest Society in his explorations in the northeastern part of Arizona, and in writing two papers on the archaeology of the Mesa Verde region and on the different houses of Lost Cañon and Rio Dolores.

The next three months Mr. Hewett devoted to Mexico, studying the culture of the races from northern Chihuahua southerly to the latitude of 23 degrees north,—the latitude of the city of Zacatecas,—including the tribes of the Tarahumaras and Tepahuanes. He is convinced of the identity of the culture of the northern part of Chihuahua and that of the Pueblo region in the United States, but fails to find evidence to show that the Tarahumaras were cliff-dwellers.

On account of excessive floods Mr. Hewett was obliged to abandon his field work and went to the City of Mexico, where he has been examining the collections of the National Museum and the ruins near the city. The excavations at San Juan Teotihuacan have received his attention, and he has had the opportunity of witnessing an ancient ceremony carried on in the Nahuatl language at the temple pyramid of Tepoztlan and of making phonographic records of the chants.

In addition to the sum originally appropriated, the Council

at its meeting in December, 1905, appropriated \$2000 for the use of the Committee on American Archaeology, on the budget of 1905-06. Of this sum the Committee appropriated \$1700 to the Southwest Society and increased the stipend of the Fellow in American Archaeology by \$100, making it \$600. This action made the appropriation for the Southwest Society \$2000.

The following is the financial statement of the Committee, 1904-05:

Appropriated by the Council	\$1500	
Paid by Committee to Southwest Society for exploration	\$700	
for song records, etc.	<u>800</u>	1500

1905-06:

Appropriated by the Council	\$4500	
Paid by Committee to Southwest Society for exploration	\$800	
Retained by Southwest Society	1200	
Paid by Committee to F. W. Putnam for exploring caves in northern California	500	
Paid by Committee to Fellow	<u>600</u>	<u>3100</u>
Due to the Committee to be used for the publication of Dr. Tozzer's report		<u>\$1400</u>

Respectfully submitted for the

COMMITTEE ON AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY.

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